



2020 Commonwealth Cup Regatta Distance Race Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. Safety Regulations

2.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Committee Boat Cell # 931-249-3333.

2.2 All competitors must watch for and keep out of the way of commercial and other deep draft vessels, which have the right of way.

2.3 Competitors are encouraged to monitor their VHF radio for warning and communications with other vessels.

2.4 All yachts competing must comply with USCG requirements, including use of running lights between sunset and sunrise.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Commonwealth Yacht Club.

4. Change to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

5. Schedule of Race

The race schedule will be stated in the *Notice of Race* and posted on the official notice board.

6. Class Flags

A class flag will be a unique color, pattern, shape or class logo. A description of each class flag will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the skippers' meeting.

7. Regatta Emblems

A regatta emblem and/or number may be provided and must be displayed on the port side while crossing the finish line. Class ribbons may be distributed for attachment to the backstay.

8. Marks



8.1 Start and finish marks of the course will be yellow pin for PHRF A, B, & C, Spinnaker, Multi-Hull, and Cruiser classes. Orange buoys may be used for offset marks.

8.2 The halfway turn around mark will be a yellow pyramid.

8.3. Navigation buoys or lights may also be used as course marks.

9. Course

- The course will consist of approximately 17 nautical miles on Kentucky Lake, starting at about mile marker 24.5 west of the navigation channel.

-The first mark will be set approximately 3/4 of a mile directly to weather of the Starting Line. A flag at the stern of the Race Committee boat will indicate the turning direction of the first mark. **A Red Rectangular flag**  **indicates a Port rounding.** **A Green triangular**  **flag indicates a Starboard rounding.** The turning direction will be chosen to provide the most direct course to the second mark.

- The second mark will be the red nun opposite Star Lime Works light at mile 29.1. This nun shall be left to Starboard going up the lake and to Port on the return. (The intent here is to avoid the shallow water on the west side of the lake.)

-The next turning mark will be a yellow pyramid near Duncan Bay at mile 34 and shall be taken to Port.

-The Race Committee may, at its discretion, change this southernmost mark due to wind and weather forecast.

10. The Start

10.1 The starting order for the classes will be posted on the official notice board. The start will be scheduled to begin at 9am on Saturday morning in the order of Cruising, JAM B, JAM A, Spinnaker and Multi-Hull. The race committee may change this order or combine classes at the Skippers meeting.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.3 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee may trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the committee boat.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats in their starting sequences.

11. Recalls

When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats by VHF channel **72**. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12. Shortening of the Course After The Start

When shortening the course, a race committee boat will be stationed within a leg of the course and will announce on VHF channel **72**.

13. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

14. Time Limit

14.1 The time limit for a race is 4:00pm Saturday.

14.2 If a boat in a class sails the course withing the time limit, or within two hours of the first finisher of the class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. All other boats will be scored in accordance with the RRS or as charged in the *Notice of Race*. This changes RRS 35.

15. Scoring Penalty

A boat who may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules may accept a 20 percent penalty by displaying a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity and reporting in to the race committee at the finish.

16. Protests

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 Protests will be written and delivered to the protest committee chair before the end of "protest filing time" which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later.

16.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the "protest filing" time to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.

16.4 Protests will then be heard as soon as possible in the approximate order of receipt.
NOTE: Any competitor who impeded a barge or deep draft vessel in the navigable channel will be protested by the race committee.

17. Scoring

KLSC PHRF wind-range-dependent time correction factors will be applied to elapsed times to calculate corrected times.

18. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in JAM A, JAM B, Spinnaker, and Cruising. The Commonwealth Cup will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall corrected time.